

Pharmacist as a Provider 2021 Act 98

Division of Medicaid Services

April 27, 2023

Agenda

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2021 Wisconsin Act 98 Overview

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Act was enacted into law on December 3, 2021.

Authorizes the department to reimburse services that are provided by a licensed pharmacist.

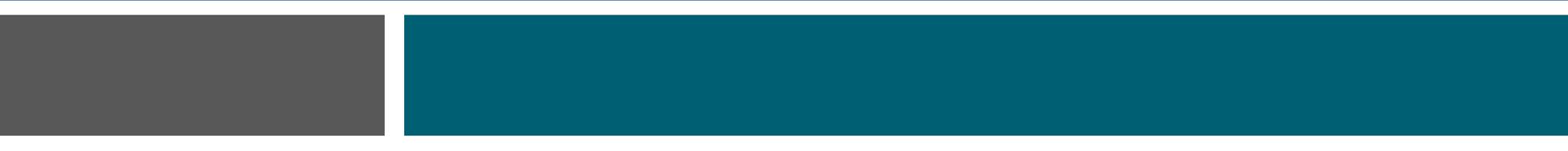
Services provided are to be in the scope of the pharmacist's license or performed under a collaborative practice agreement.

Requires the department to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) and receive approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

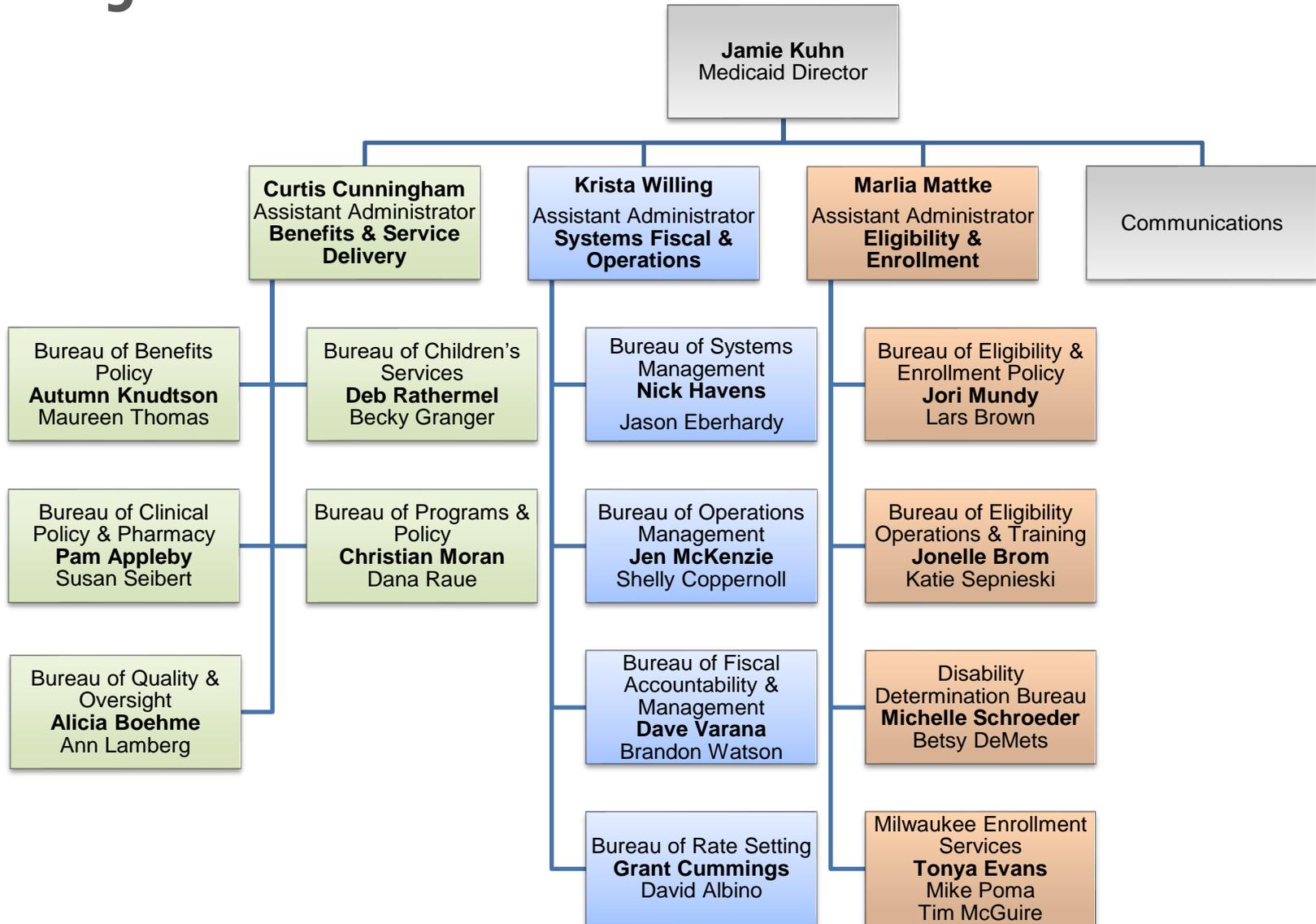
2021 Wisconsin Act 98

- Act 98 expands the Medicaid medical benefit by allowing pharmacists to perform and bill for medical services.
- The Department of Health Services (DHS) plans to implement a broad set of services as allowable.

Project Structure



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Enrollment

Service Package

State Plan Amendment

Communications

Enrollment

Pharmacists will enroll with the Medicaid program as a provider.

- DMS is creating a new enrollment pathway for pharmacists.
- Pharmacists will complete the enrollment process through the ForwardHealth Portal.
 - ◆ Application
 - ◆ Include appropriate documentation
 - ◆ No enrollment fee for pharmacists
 - ◆ Every three years pharmacists will need to reenroll

Service Package

- DMS is identifying billable services for pharmacists.
 - ◆ Gathered stakeholder feedback
 - ◆ DHS meeting on April 27, 2023, for additional external stakeholder feedback
 - ◆ Operationalize at the procedure code level
- Build the system to allow pharmacists to bill for services.
- Define service package to estimate utilization and fiscal impact.

Medicaid State Plan

- Agreement between CMS and DHS regarding how the Medicaid program is implemented in Wisconsin.
- Amend the state plan to identify pharmacists as Medicaid providers, define the scope of services allowed, and identify the reimbursement methodology.

SPA Process

- Draft language and fiscal estimate
 - ◆ Provider/benefit authority
 - ◆ Reimbursement authority
- Brief the tribes
- Post public notice
- Submit to CMS
 - ◆ Submitted quarterly
 - ◆ Can backdate to the first day of the quarter

Communications

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ForwardHealth Updates

- Written communications for providers
- Plan for at least two updates
 - ◆ Enrollment
 - ◆ Service package and reimbursement structure
- Updates are posted on the ForwardHealth Portal
- Will share with Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and other partners for distribution

Communications

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Training

- Enrollment
- ForwardHealth coverage policy and claims submission

Timeline



Tentative Timeline

- Q2 2023
 - ◆ Defining service package and reimbursement methodology
- Q3 2023
 - ◆ Provider enrollment pathway built
 - ◆ Train and enroll providers
- Q4 2023
 - ◆ Service package built
 - ◆ Train providers on policy and billing for services

Resources



Resources

- Access the:
 - ◆ [Project page](#)
 - ◆ [ForwardHealth Portal](#)
 - Existing information for providers on communications and trainings.
- Sign up for [ForwardHealth Updates](#)
- Email the project mailbox at DHSDMSAct98@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Polling Questions & Question and Answer